

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

Criminal Case No. OBUX 879-IEG UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ) Plaintiff, INFORMATION Title 8, U.S.C., v. Secs. 1324(a)(1)(A)(ii) and JUAN MENDEZ-SANCHEZ (1), (v)(II) - Transportation of DANIEL SOTO-PENALOZA (2), Illegal Aliens and Aiding and Abetting; Defendants. Title 18, U.S.C., Sec. 1001 -False Statement to a Federal Officer

The United States Attorney charges:

## Count 1

On or about March 10, 2008, within the Southern District of California, defendant JUAN MENDEZ-SANCHEZ, in a matter within the jurisdiction of the United States Department of Homeland Security, a department and agency of the United States, did knowingly and willfully make false, fictitious and fraudulent statements and representations as to material facts in that he did represent and state to a United States Border Patrol Agent that he resided on G Street in San Bernardino, California, whereas in truth and fact, as defendant then and there well knew that statement and representation was false, fictitious and fraudulent when made; in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1001.

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Count 2

On or about March 10, 2008, within the Southern District of California, defendant DANIEL SOTO-PENALOZA, with the intent to violate the immigration laws of the United States, knowing and in reckless disregard of the fact that an alien, namely, Bernardino Graijalva-Mendoza, had come to, entered and remained in the United States in violation of law, did transport and move, said alien within the United States in furtherance of such violation of law; in violation of Title 8, United States Code, Sections 1324(a)(1)(A)(ii) and (v)(II).

DATED: March 25, 2008

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